NewsWatch

February

7: Swine Profitability Conference, Kansas State University Union, Manhattan. Topics include individual pig treatment, influences of pig behavior and a marketing outlook. John Kramer of J-Six Farms in Nemaha County also will talk about "Family Opportunities in Agriculture." Call (785) 532-1267 for registration information.

8-9: Kansas Crop Improvement Association and Kansas Seed Industry Association annual convention, Courtyard by Marriott, Junction City. The KSIA, KCIA and AGVantage IP Inc. annual meetings will occur on Feb. 8, as does the Kansas Seed and Crop Awards Luncheon. The rest of the convention will focus on seed export opportunities, Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service programs, crop reports and legislative issues. For details, contact the KCIA at (785) 532-6118.

17-18: Sustainable Agriculture Conference, Manhattan. Themed "Healthy Foods, Healthy Farms," the annual conference will feature keynote speaker Marion Nestle, New York University scientist and author. Other sessions will focus on developing a local-food business. Registration is $30 per day. More information is available at *www.dce.ksu.edu/hfhfconf* or by calling (785) 532-1440.

21-22: 18th annual Central Plains Irrigation Conference, City Limits Conference Center, Colby. Program begins at 9 a.m. Feb. 21. Agenda topics include trends in irrigation, agriculture and demographics; renewable energy; sprinkler management; on-farm demonstration results; irrigation economics; and water management, crop options and using wastewater. Registration is $70. For information, call conference coordinator Donna Lamm at (785) 462-7574 or e-mail *donnalamm@yahoo.com*. Conference Web site is *www.oznet.ksu.edu/sdi/revents/cpia.html*.

24-26: EquiFest of Kansas, Kansas Coliseum, Wichita. Three days of demonstrations, programs and a trade show specifically for the equine enthusiast. Demonstrations feature horsemanship, riding, dressage and reining. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is $10 for adults and $5.50 for kids 6-12; ages 5 and under get in free. Contact the Kansas Horse Council at (785) 776-0662 or browse *www.kansashorsecouncil.com* to learn more.

25-27: Western Farm Show, Kemper Arena/American Royal Complex, Kansas City, Mo. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday. Tickets are $7 per person at the door, or obtain a discount coupon at your local agriculture retailer. There is a parking charge.

March

4: KSU Cattleman's Day, Weber Hall, K-State campus, Manhattan.

11: KSU Sheep Day, Weber Hall, K-State campus, Manhattan.

16: Water and the Future of Kansas Conference, Capitol Plaza Hotel, Topeka. For information, go to *www.dce.ksu.edu/dce/conf/waterfuture/index.html*.

24: Master Farmer Banquet, Courtyard by Marriott, Junction City.

28-30: Mid-America Farm Expo, Saline County Expo Center, Salina.

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Kansas Clippings

Movers and shakers

Jill Zimmerman, Garnett, has been named executive director of the Kansas FFA Foundation. She was the past treasurer and equity drive director for East Kansas Agri-Energy LLC. ... Haven farmer **Jerry Wyse** was re-elected vice president of the North Central Soybean Research Program Board of Directors. ... **Dallas Peterson**, Kansas State University weed scientist, was elected a North Central Weed Science Society Fellow, the highest honor the society bestows on its members. ... **Stuart Jarvis**, Phillipsburg, was elected vice president of the American Gelbvieh Association. ... **David Judd**, Pomona, and **Al Knapp**, Bonner Springs, were elected to the AGA Board of Directors.

K-State launches conservation resources Web site

For up-to-date information about conservation practices and government programs available to Kansas farmers and ranchers, K-State now hosts a Web site, *www.oznet.ksu.edu/conservation,* that brings together all available information on the subjects, says Dan Devlin, K-State Research and Extension environmental quality specialist. The site is broken up into sections, including air quality, irrigation management, livestock management, riparian area restoration and many others. It features updated links to state and federal incentive programs, plus pertinent contact information for agencies sponsoring the programs.